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sufficient to warrant the title; and since his death by looking over the proof-sheet another. There is no reason should suffer by this change Bryant's name to such an overestimated. A history of if it had actually been from this purported to be, would great weight of authority,

proved by students and a work, undertaken by him would have been likely to. He was not peculiarly qualified for American history was not. He had no reputation in the knowledge, and no zeal that help him in acquiring one. Mental fitness for history-writing, which was highly

tience, diligence, candor, and
 justice, his clear and attractive
 style probably have made him, if
 he be so, an excellent historian.
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Mr. Sidney Howard Gay, things considered, as Mr. done; and there need be no ing the remainder of the wo rection. We have never b apprehend the fitness of th as applied to this history. certain other histories of the unpopular, or that this is de and untrustworthy source

popular prejudices and passions, popular in the sense that it is of affairs as it finds them, in the form and press-
stances, instead of changing and arranging them. If that is not, it would be a remarkable in a title. The popular one approved now by all, is altered by any to be the most telling the story of a period.

moved as possible from the popular; and yet it made a profound impression on the reading Lord Macaulay as though as one who made the point whatever the accuracy of the been, successful. We are Mr. Gay's method is not sense, and that it is entirely enduring than the people award historical writings.

beginning with the Pequod closing with the settlement Spaniards in 1714-44. The this period were the Peo Philip's war; the persecut the trials of witches; the se of Rhode Island, Connectic shire in New England; the Amsterdam by the Englis the Swedish Government Delaware; the rule of Bo

ment of the Carolinas; the Mississippi Valley by Madison S. Hall, and Hennepin; and Florida, Texas, California; these events Mr. Gay has with discrimination and care, from one point of view, the too much attention. The only four volumes. Two of been written, and the work not one-quarter, done. The

requires fuller treatment of the country before that not see how Mr. Gay can be has yet to tell times, and preserve it his work. He has five to describe, two of them in of the nation whose history ranking among the great history; he has to describe tion from the feeblest begin

world; to trace the history of the economical, social, and political changes that have perplexed the world in the simultaneous growth of the different classes possessing equal rights. Mr. Gay cannot do this in a more voluminous work. He is a disagreeable alternator between either spoiling his work or his plan. He will not do it.

possibly more. If he history more complete than the others; and the reader the mistake he made, it is filling his first two volumes to require an enlargement.

The importance of so events has been overestimated even when they are considered and comprehensive. The war, for instance, was a

raid on Block Island, and at Porter's Rocks. The the Indian side in the latter estimated at 600 or 700, but were cheap, and sold they had not then been in a war. This war had in results for the Colonies. Only the history of have been written than those which second

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